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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS HITS CIA FOR MUJAHIDEEN SUPPORT

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. BOTH PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DECEMBER 13 RAN  
PIECES ON AFGHANISTAN WHICH CONTAINED VICIOUS ATTACKS  
ON THE U.S. FOR SUPPOSED CIA-SPONSORED "TERRORIST"  
TRAINING OF AFGHAN REBELS. THE ARTICLES, SOURCED TO  
FORMER MUJAHIDEEN, BOTH MAKE THE CLAIM THAT THE CIA

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RECRUITS, TRAINS AND EVEN ACCOMPANIES REBELS ON THEIR MISSIONS, WHICH ARE AIMED AGAINST "PEACEFUL (AFGHANISTAN) RESIDENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE POWER, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, EVEN MOSQUES."

3. KZ CLAIMS THERE ARE "OVER ONE HUNDRED MILITARY CAMPS AND STRONG POINTS" IN PAKISTAN WHERE AMERICANS, CHINESE AND PAKISTAN INSTRUCTORS PREPARE FORCES FOR ACTIVITY AGAINST THE DRA. BOTH AUTHORS SKETCH IN GRUESOME DETAIL ALLEGED ATROCITIES OF THESE BANDS, SOME POSING AS SOVIET SOLDIERS AND PHOTOGRAPHING THEIR CRIMES FOR SLANDEROUS LATER USE. PRAVDA CLOSSES BY ACCUSING THE U.S. OF OPENLY IGNORING THE RECENT UNANIMOUS UN RESOLUTION AGAINST TERRORISM THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: THESE ARTICLES REPRESENT PARTICULARLY BLATANT ATTACKS ON THE U.S., WHICH PORTRAY THE GUERRILLAS THEMSELVES MORE AS UNSOPHISTICATED VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE THAN AS COMMITTED SOLDIERS WITH A CAUSE. THIS FITS IN WITH THE PROPAGANDA LINE THAT THE ROOTS OF THE AFGHAN PROBLEM LIE MORE AROUND THE COUNTRY THAN IN IT. SUCH ATTACKS ALSO PROVIDE A HANDY LEAD-IN TO SOVIET CLAIMS OF MORAL SUPERIORITY ON THE EVE OF THE NEXT ROUND OF UN-SPONSORED GENEVA TALKS ON AFGHANISTAN.

5. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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